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Subject: End of Day -- September 19, 2016

MEDIA

Media in attendance at today's Torrance refinery public meeting:

- **Telemundo:** Cameraman attended meeting. Spoke to Enrique about meeting. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.
- **ABC TV:** Sent reporter and Cameraman and went live for today's meeting. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.
- **NBC TV:** Sent Cameraman to meeting. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.
- **CBS/KCAL TV:** Sent Cameraman to meeting. Spoke to Enrique. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.
- **CW TV:** Sent Cameraman to meeting. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.
- **KNX Radio:** Sent reporter to meeting. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.
- **Torrance Daily Breeze:** Repoter Nick Green attended meeting and requested sit down interview with Enrique and Kay to discuss Torrance refinery RMP. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Daily Breeze: Reporter Nick Green used our statement in story about South Coast study on HF. SFUND. CLOSED. Nahal Mogharabi.

NBC Channel 4: Producer Marla Fain was looking for a copy of the agenda for today's meeting in Torrance. Sent. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

AZ Republic: sent reporter Caitlin McGlade desk statement from HQ on EWG Chrom 6 report coming out tomorrow: CLOSED Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) WTR

Weather Channel: producer Patty Sharaf asked about our EPA's role in groundwater beneficial use in Ariz. Coordinated with Water Div and referred producer to state: CLOSED: Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) CLOSED WTR

NBC4 LA: News Producer Jason Kandel checking in on his records request regarding the environmental data after the Fruitland Magnesium Fire at Panda International Co. in Maywood, CA. Checking with program. OPEN. SFUND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

San Francisco Magazine: Reporter Chris Roberts is working on a story about Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and Dan Hirsch's presentation about cleanup standards at the site. Working with program on a response. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

San Francisco Bay View: Reporter John Shutt is writing a follow-up story to an [initial piece](#) about EPA's letter to the Navy regarding Tetra Tech. He is asking whether EPA has a comment about the July meeting with the Navy. He also has questions about which agencies are investigating Tetra Tech and what the timeline is for these investigations. Working with program on a response. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

SFSU: Journalism student Alena Naiden is writing a series of stories on environmental issues in Bayview/Hunters Point district in San Francisco. She wants to know if EPA is doing any work in the area. Working with program on a response. SF (v) OPEN: Michele Huitric

Additional coverage of Argonaut Mine listing:

- Amador Ledger Dispatch: [Gold mining's toxic legacy: EPA determines mine is among nation's most polluted sites](#)

WEB

Social Media:

Pollution Prevention – Posted to our [Twitter](#) page about Pollution Prevention week and linked to our [Pollution Prevention Tips at Home](#) page.

Web Updates:

Water Program MS4 Audits – Posted MS4 Program Evaluations for Orange County and the Cities of Orange, Santa Ana, Santa Paula and Salinas in California, as well as for the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii, to the [MS4 Program Audit Reports webpage](#).

California Air Actions – Posted a link to the Federal Register notice for the approval of the South Coast NOx Air Plan Revisions to the [News and Events](#) page.

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ): Brent Maier received a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy regarding the Dewey-Humboldt Iron King Mine and Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site. Sen. McCain's letter of September 16, 2016 requests that we let the Senator's office know when the EPA plans to release the completed RI to the residents of Dewey-Humboldt; specify when the EPA plans to engage town leaders and residents on plans for soil cleanups at local residences; requests that EPA update the Town Council quarterly on the cleanup process as it progresses; and requests that EPA cap the site at the Iron King Mine to prevent future contamination. Brent has shared this incoming letter with both OCIR and with our Superfund Division's Enrique Manzanilla, Loren Henning, Jeff Dhont, and Rusty Harris-Bishop. Awaiting the assignment by HQ of this letter to Region 9. A copy of the incoming letter is available upon request.

Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23): Brent Maier and Air Division's Meredith Kurpius held a follow up call with Legislative Director Kyle Lombardi regarding a few follow up questions he had regarding the San Joaquin Valley 5% plan and the 1997 PM2.5 standard.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): Brent Maier received a request from Alexis Segal in the Senator's DC office to set up a call with our office to discuss the algal blooms issue impacting many California water bodies. Brent reached out to Water Division's Sue Keydel and has offered up a conference call on Wednesday, September 21st at 1:00pm which has been confirmed. Brent shared some FAQs on the algal blooms issue and shared some links to information on algal blooms posted on EPA's website.

Congressional Outreach on Revisions to the Exceptional Events Rule: Brent Maier shared information with the Congressional delegations in Arizona and California regarding EPA finalizing revisions to the 2007 Exceptional Events Rule to address issues raised by stakeholders and to increase the administrative efficiency of the Exceptional Events Rule process. Exceptional events include natural events such as wildfires, stratospheric ozone intrusions and volcanic and

seismic activities. Consistent with the Clean Air Act (CAA), the EPA is making these updates to clarify and improve the efficiency of the process states and the EPA follow when determining whether to include or exclude air quality monitoring data influenced by an “exceptional event” in the data set used for certain regulatory decisions, such as initial area designation decisions. This action also notifies states with areas subject to new requirements for mitigation plans and announces the availability of the final version of the non-binding guidance document, *Guidance on the Preparation of Exceptional Events Demonstrations for Wildfire Events that May Influence Ozone Concentrations*, which explains how to apply the rule revisions to wildfire events that could influence monitored ozone concentrations.
<https://www.epa.gov/air-quality-analysis/treatment-data-influenced-exceptional-events>

Senate Action on Water Resources Development Act: The Senate easily passed S. 2848, the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), by a vote of 95-3 last week on September 15, 2016. The bill authorizes 29 Army Corps projects in 17 states, all of which have undergone Congressional scrutiny and have completed reports of the Chief of Engineers. Included in these projects are ones to improve watershed restoration efforts, repair flood-control systems and waterways and, as well as EPA drinking-water infrastructure programs. The bill authorizes \$10.6 billion, including \$4.9 billion for Environment Protection Agency drinking water infrastructure programs. It also includes \$220 million for loans and grants to Flint, Michigan to help in its lead cleanup efforts. Of that \$220 million, \$100 million would be available to states with emergency drinking water situations through State Revolving Fund loans, and \$70 million would be available for credit subsidies through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA). Among California projects, the bill authorizes feasibility reports for the West Sacramento and American River Common Features flood risk management projects. Feasibility reports are also authorized for flood risk management and environmental restoration in the South San Francisco Bay, and environmental restoration for the Los Angeles River. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee reported its version of WRDA, H.R. 5303, on May 25, 2016. The bill does not include any funding for Flint, as jurisdiction for that resides in the House Energy and Commerce Committee. For more information, go to: http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/wrda_1

Legislative Action:

September 14, 2016 - H.R. 6022: To authorize a pilot project for an innovative water project financing program, and for other purposes. This bill's text is now available.

September 15, 2016 - S. 2848: Water Resources Development Act of 2016. Last Action: Passed Senate with an amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 95 - 3. Record Vote Number: 141. Explanation: This bill passed in the Senate on September 15, 2016 and goes to the House next for consideration.

September 15, 2016 - S. 2902: Western Water Supply and Planning Enhancement Act of 2016. This bill's text for status *Reported by Senate Committee* (Sep 15, 2016) is now available.

September 15, 2016 - H.R. 5226: Regulatory Integrity Act of 2016. This bill's text for status *Referred to Senate Committee* (Sep 15, 2016) is now available.

September 15, 2016 - H.R. 5625: Modernizing Government Travel Act. Last Action: The committees assigned to this bill sent it to the House or Senate as a whole for consideration on September 15, 2016.

September 15, 2016 - H.R. 6059: To provide for the accurate reporting of fossil fuel production and emissions from public lands, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Rep. Alan Lowenthal [D-CA47] This bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources which will consider it before sending it to the House floor for consideration.

September 15, 2016 - H.R. 6061: To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to make grants to States that establish and carry out programs to assist local educational agencies in testing for, and remedying, lead contamination in drinking water from any source of lead contamination. Sponsor: Rep. Jackie Speier [D-CA14]. This bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce which will consider it before sending it to the House floor for consideration.

September 15, 2016 - S. 3337: A bill to provide for reimbursement for the use of modern travel services by Federal employees traveling on official Government business, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Sen. Mike Lee [R-UT]. This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs which will consider it before sending it to the Senate floor for consideration.

Upcoming Congressional Hearings and Intergovernmental Meetings:

Wednesday, September 21, 2016 - The House Natural Resources Committee - Full Committee meeting on the White House Council for Environmental Quality's (CEQ) recently released guidance for how agencies should consider the greenhouse gas impacts of their decisions under the National Environmental Policy Act. The final guide dropped a proposed 25,000-ton-per-year threshold for when agencies should review climate considerations, among other changes. It has been seen as a win for environmentalists, but EPA critics have charged that the guide has been unlawfully issued since CEQ lacks a Senate-confirmed chair.

<http://naturalresources.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=401167>

Thursday, September 22, 2016 - House Energy & Commerce Committee - Holding a hearing on the upcoming mid-term review of EPA's vehicle GHG standards and the the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) corporate average fuel efficiency standards program. Automakers are asking the agencies to better align their programs, saying "discrepancies" between the two are hindering efforts by the industry to comply with both the GHG standards and NHTSA's program. <https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings-and-votes/hearings/midterm-review-and-update-corporate-average-fuel-economy-program-and>

Thursday, September 22, 2016 - EPA HQ to Meet with Claremont, California Local Officials: EPA HQ will meet with Claremont Mayor Sam Pedroza and City Manager Tony Ramos to discuss the MS4 permitting process and related concerns. The Office of Wastewater Management – Permits Division, Office of General Counsel, and Region IX (by telephone) will join OIR for the meeting. The local officials will share their perspective on the county's MS4 permitting process, the NPDES "remand" rulemaking, and the practical costs associated with permitting for smaller municipalities. They are interested in EPA's thoughts and dialogue around their concerns. Mayor Pedroza and City Manager Ramos are concerned that, in their view, few areas of the country face more complex water management challenges than LA County, and stormwater management through the MS4 process is no exception. OCIR Contact: M. Arnita Hannon Christmon

Monday, September 26, 2016 – HQ Meeting with Mayor Kevin Faulconer (San Diego, CA): The Mayor is meeting to provide an update on San Diego's Pure Water Initiative that includes a proposed long-term solution to the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Secondary Equivalency Issue. Mayor Faulconer last met on these issues with headquarters (and Region IX by telephone) in February 2015. The mayor also met in 2014 with EPA to seek administrative flexibility to enable the city to implement its plan without future need for modified NPDES permits. HQ Office of Water and Region IX will be participating in this HQ meeting.